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## RACE-TRACK WAR ON PACIFIC COAST

Millionaire Sports Go Up Against Each Other in the Horse Game.

OUTLAW TRACK WILL WIN FIGHT

Jockey Club in the West Will Throw Overboard the Talent of Both Bookies and Public.

English Plan of Betting to Be Adopted.

## JOCKEY CLUB MEET AT WASHINGTON

An Attractive List of the Events for the Big Spring Meet.

THREE GOOD STAKES FOR TWO-YEAR-OLDS

Amateur Cup Race Is a Novel and Sporting Fixture—Students of the University of Virginia Are Eligible as Gentlemen.

BY J. S. A. MACDONALD.

SAN FRANCISCO, CAL., February 22.—The race-track politics of California are a stirring. Early this week T. H. Williams, George A. Rose and other financial and influential personages of the Pacific Coast Jockey Club, held a conference in this city, after which an ultimatum was issued for the benefit of "Curly" Brown and his associates in connection with the proposed erection of a racing plant at Venice, Cal., in time for business next winter. "As long as Arcadia is running the Pacific Coast Jockey Club will recognize no other course at Los Angeles, Cal.," ran the edict. In the meantime everybody hereabouts realizes the real beginning of a big turf war, in which Brown and his numerous following of Los Angeles capitalists on the one side, and Williams, Rose, "Lucky" Baldwin, "Barney" Schriber and the central governing body, the Pacific Coast Jockey Club, on the other side, will be arrayed. After several setbacks Brown is now in a position to go ahead with his scheme of constructing a plant at Venice, near Los Angeles, which he says will be an improvement on the fine course opened three months ago on Baldwin's Arcadia ranch. One thing about Brown, he never starts a promotion, whether it be a race-track or a newspaper, but he runs it to a finish. He is also a tough man with whom to "mix." The Williams-Rose interests intend to "outlaw" Brown and his Venice course. Any horse or owner patronizing Venice next winter will not be permitted to race here at Oakland or at Arcadia. In the summer the boycott of Brown's following will extend to Seattle, Wash.; Portland, Ore., and other places. Strange as it may seem, the majority of experienced turfmen say that Brown will win. During the last few years the utter impossibility of enforcing the "outlaw" rule and winning a fight with it has been made apparent. Belmont failed at Empire City in the East, while we all know the result of the New Orleans war. "If it ever comes to a showdown Brown will beat Williams and Rose," averred a careful student of turf politics to-day. At any rate Brown's business associates are again rallying around him on the Venice proposition. Next winter Los Angeles will have two race-tracks and a bitter war, according to general understanding. Incidentally, it may be interesting to know that a clique of local capitalists are framing up to construct a \$100,000 race-track at Santa Cruz at once. Santa Cruz is down the sea-coast from San Francisco and a sort of a California summer time Newport. The projected race-track at Salt Lake City, Utah, is a sure go. "Johnny" Green, of Seattle, Wash.; R. W. Gaylord, of Denver, Colo., and D. C. McAlley, of New Orleans, La., are interested along with L. A. Cella, of St. Louis, Mo. The course will be built at Beck's Springs, northwest of the city, and near the tracks of the Denver and Rio Grande Railroad. The new mile and an eighth track at Portland, Ore., will be completed by next July. Secretary J. L. McElroy announces seventy-four days of racing at Seattle this summer, with \$400 purses and \$1,000 overnight handicaps. It begins to look as if the Pacific coast circuit is going to be the whole cheese this coming summer, as Ed Trotter, W. B. Jennings, U. Z. Arman, Mos. Golblatt, "Barney" Schriber and a dozen other strong

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## A CHART OF RED EYE'S RACES

THE PERFORMANCES OF THE CELEBRATED RACE HORSE, RED EYE, ON THE TURF, FROM THE SPRING OF 1900 TO THE FALL OF 1907, INCLUSIVE.

DATE	PLACES	PURSES	LOSING HORSES	Length of Race	No. of Starts	Notes
1900 Spring	New Market	\$1,000	Red Eye and others	1 mile	1	
1900 Fall	New Market	\$1,000	Red Eye and others	1 mile	1	
1901 Spring	New Market	\$1,000	Red Eye and others	1 mile	1	
1901 Fall	New Market	\$1,000	Red Eye and others	1 mile	1	
1902 Spring	New Market	\$1,000	Red Eye and others	1 mile	1	
1902 Fall	New Market	\$1,000	Red Eye and others	1 mile	1	
1903 Spring	New Market	\$1,000	Red Eye and others	1 mile	1	
1903 Fall	New Market	\$1,000	Red Eye and others	1 mile	1	
1904 Spring	New Market	\$1,000	Red Eye and others	1 mile	1	
1904 Fall	New Market	\$1,000	Red Eye and others	1 mile	1	
1905 Spring	New Market	\$1,000	Red Eye and others	1 mile	1	
1905 Fall	New Market	\$1,000	Red Eye and others	1 mile	1	
1906 Spring	New Market	\$1,000	Red Eye and others	1 mile	1	
1906 Fall	New Market	\$1,000	Red Eye and others	1 mile	1	
1907 Spring	New Market	\$1,000	Red Eye and others	1 mile	1	
1907 Fall	New Market	\$1,000	Red Eye and others	1 mile	1	

NOTES.—(a) Red Eye wouldn't run. (b) Red Eye wouldn't run. (c) Red Eye ran the first mile in the second heat in 1:19—small odds. (d) Red Eye bolted in the third mile of the second heat when three or four lengths ahead, and was very near killing both his rider and himself. (e) Red Eye got "off" his feet before the first of these two races, and did not recover until after the race at New Market. (f) Red Eye won this race easily in two straight heats without a "kick," but the purse was awarded to Lawton in consequence of foul riding in the quarter stretch by Anderson, (Red Eye's rider), for which he was publicly expelled from the course. (g) Red Eye made the best four mile race of three heats ever made in America. (h) Red Eye was sulky and couldn't be made even to walk around the track. (i) Red Eye was only entered here for the purpose of preparing for the great four mile race three days afterwards, which he won in 3 heats.

RED EYE goes off the Turf a Winner of 24 out of 41 Races, and never has lost a Four Mile Race! He has run in 1900, 1901, 1902, 1903, 1904, 1905, 1906, and won 23 of them. Can any horse in America show such a record!

## CORNELL HARD AT WORK ON THE WATER

NEW YORK, February 22.—The preliminary crew work at Cornell, in preparation for the annual intercollegiate regatta at Poughkeepsie on June 27th, has been recommenced under the eyes of Coach Courtney. The veteran wizard is devoting his attention to varsity and freshman crew squads which are practicing daily on the machines in the armory. One hundred and eight candidates comprise the squad, which consists of six regular varsity and five regular freshman combinations. Despite the severe shakeup in Cornell athletics, due to the recent examinations, which eliminated several football and track team veterans, the oarsmen have so far escaped. But two members of the big squad have been lost during the recent recess in athletic training, and this defection was due to the candidates in question having left college.

KNOCKED HIM OUT QUICK

Stanley Ketchell, of Grand Rapids, Makes Quick Work of Mike Sullivan.

SAN FRANCISCO, CAL., February 22.—Stanley Ketchell, a middleweight of Grand Rapids, Mich., to-day made short work of Mike (Twin) Sullivan in their scheduled twenty-five-round fight.

The end came after one minute and one-half seconds' fighting in the first round. Sullivan scarcely having time to get set before he was against the ropes. After fighting for a half minute or so Ketchell shot a straight left to Sullivan's jaw, and the Boston man went to the floor. He came up in five seconds, only to be floored again by a left flush to the chin. He took the count of nine and came up dazed.

Ketchell then flung his right over the heart with tremendous power, and Sullivan sank to the floor completely out.

Ketchell was a two to one favorite in the betting.

## Sporting Letters

The sporting editor of The Times-Dispatch will gladly answer in these columns any questions regarding sporting matters. Communications on sporting subjects will also be printed, and comments will be made, Address Sporting Editor, Times-Dispatch.

Sporting Editor Times-Dispatch:

Sir,—Will you please inform me through the Times-Dispatch the following answers:

What requirements are needed to become a member of one of the baseball teams in the Virginia League?

How much does a new player get?

How is the best way to file an application?

1. There are no definite requirements, other than the player must be one of ability and one who has attracted the attention of club managers through his work.

2. A new player is paid what he is supposed to deserve. The better he is, the better salary he will get. To every man enough is given to keep him and to save, if he be of an economical turn of mind.

3. Write to the manager of one of the clubs. P. H. Life is manager of the Richmond Club.—Editor.

"Hack" the Greatest.

NEW YORK, February 22.—Details of the wrestling match between Huckschmidt and Joe Rogers for the championship of the world, held in London a few weeks ago, together with Rogers' opinion of the champion, are at hand. Rogers contends that the Russian Lion was entitled to all the honors of the occasion, and believes him the greatest wrestler in the world. For himself, he says that he suffered an attack of rheumatism ten days before the match, but kept the engagement in order to satisfy the public.

## TWO-YEAR OLDS AT BRIGHTON

NEW YORK, February 22.—The two-year-old events for the Brighton Beach meeting have filled well, and nearly all of the prominent racing stables in the East and some in the West have been liberal subscribers. Among the owners who have entered young racers are L. O. Appleby, L. V. Bellows, August Belmont, Beverwyck Stable, A. Brown, Fred Burlew, E. B. Cassatt, L. A. Cella, P. T. Chinn, Fred Cook, M. J. Cromwell, John B. Dioguardi, H. B. Dwyer, P. J. Dwyer, Samuel Emery, F. A. Forsythe, F. E. Gardner, William Gerst, S. C. Hildreth, A. J. Joyner, James R. Keene, F. J. Lantry, J. H. Lesh, Mrs. L. A. Livingston, J. E. Madden, J. W. May, Michael Murphy, J. D. Neel, Newcastle Stable, Patchogue Stable, O. L. Richards, W. T. Ryan, B. Schreiber, M. L. Schwartz, John Shields, John F. Smith, H. P. Whitney, Thomas H. Williams, R. T. Wilson Jr., E. R. Bradley, R. F. Carman, W. W. Darden, Elkwood Park Stable, Max Hirsch, M. Kraus, Kelso Stable, William Lakeland, J. V. Le-maire, Mrs. J. McLaughlin, James Manus, Oneck Stable, R. E. Watkins, H. K. Vingt, John Whitlaw, Brown-leigh Park Stable, Woodford Clay, T. L. Watt, R. L. Thomas and W. B. Jennings.

Kentucky Derby.

LOUISVILLE, KY., February 22.—The Kentucky Derby will be run at Churchill Downs this year on May 2d, and Louisville will have at least an eighteen-day meeting.

After Gould's Scap.

NEW YORK, February 22.—E. H. Miles has decided to try and regain his court tennis championship, which was won last year by Jay Gould in England, and will sail for this country on March 19th.

## "RED EYE" CAME OF A ROYAL LINE

Son of Boston and Lucy Long, Had Not a Taint of Impure Blood.

BRED BY DR. CROUCH, NOW IN RICHMOND

This Great Horse Got His Name from the Stable Boys.—Won Many Fast Races, but Wouldn't Extend Himself Under the Spurs.

BY THOMAS NELSON CARTER.

With the exception of Boston, who to my mind was not only the greatest horse of his day, but the greatest horse of any day, no horse has interested me so much as his son, Red Eye, and this, not only on account of his marvelous performance and peculiar character, but because he sired Nellie, the only piece of horseflesh left on Pampanito (where I spent my early life) at the close of the war. Nellie's dam was one of forty-two head of mules and horses, some of them boasting the best blood in the land—for my grandfather owned Ratter, Andrew's Primo, and others—taken from the plantation by the Northern army in its four visits to us during the war.

The colt was a suckling when its dam was taken away, and was raised on a bottle—but that is another story. It has always been a matter of surprise to me that so great a horse as Red Eye has received so little mention in the books and so slender a recognition from the writers on horses, especially from Mr. Bruce, who is the source of almost all of our accurate information on the great horses of this country.

In Bruce's stud book his pedigree alone is given—not even the name of his breeder nor the place of his birth. His performances, some of which I knew from rumor, I could not find anywhere, until by accident I got into correspondence with Dr. R. G. Crouch, of this city, a gentleman eighty years old, who bred, raised and raced (Capt. Belcher being in actual charge) Red Eye to the time of his retirement in 1854, and who furnished me with the card photographed at the head of this sketch, setting out in most thorough detail his performance. The doctor gave me also a complete description of the horse himself, his appearance and characteristics, and many graphic stories of his life. It was good to talk to one of the old gentlemen who has retained his love for horses up to his eightieth year.

Red Eye was by Boston out of Lucy Long, who was by imported Priam, 2d dam Polly Franklin by Shakespear, third dam by Potomac, fourth dam by imported Bedford, fifth dam by Symmes Weidair, sixth dam by Othello. Priam's pedigree is put in the books as a model, perfect in all respects, containing the blood of the Godolphin Arabian, the Darley Arabian, Byerly Turk and natural barb mares, the four best sources of Eastern blood, which comes down to Priam through the best of their sons and daughters. Priam was a great success in England, but a failure as a sire here. Shakespear's pedigree is also beyond reproach. Potomac's pedigree has been questioned, and this is the source from which arises the very general impression that Red Eye was not clean bred. Potomac's pedigree was thoroughly discussed by Judge Hughes in an article published by him some years ago. This article I have read, but cannot now obtain. My recollection is that the pedigree was established as right. Bruce, in his stud book, gives the pedigree as follows:

Potomac, b. h., foaled 1805, bred and owned by Richard Dennis, Virginia; by imported Diomed, first dam by Pegusus, second dam by Old York, third dam by Watkins's fine stallion, fourth dam, a fine mare known as Eyebright, and quoted "Observer & Register," Lexington, Ky.

This pedigree, to say the least of it, is not a striking one, and does look weak. The others in Red Eye's pedigree (Continued on Second Page.)

## VARISITY SQUAD LOOKS VERY FIT

Eighty-Seven Candidates Apply for Positions on Ball Team.

OUTLOOK IS GOOD FOR HARD HITTING

Susong Will Be Again in the Box, Although He Has Not Been Out—New Men Are Doing Excellent Work, and Crowding the Veterans.

CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA., February 22.—The third week of indoor baseball practice at the University of Virginia closed to-night. The total number of applicants for the team to date is eighty-seven, with several men yet to be heard from. Of the above number who have reported, forty-four are candidates for the outfield positions, as against forty-three for the remaining places on the team.

But for the two-inch snow in the early part of the week the men would in all probability have been out in the open yesterday and to-day. It is hoped that Lambeth Field will be in fit shape for the men to hold their initial outdoor practice within the next few days.

All the applicants are rounding into fine shape and are physically fit to jump into the game right now. Although for the past two or three years good hitting teams have represented Virginia, from the way the men are getting their eyes on the ball, it looks as though this year's team will be a great hitting bunch. The squad looks to be far ahead of the average squad also in speed and agility, which will ensure a team of fast men on the bases.

Of the new men, it is as yet hard to say which are the best, but among the most promising are Cabanis and Pearson, for catchers—both excellent backstops. Both are good, hard hitters, with splendid whips, and so far it is a toss-up between them. Certainly it is that Virginia will be vastly strengthened in what was last year's weakest position. Cabanis is from Newberry, S. C., while Pearson came to Virginia direct from Lawrenceville, N. J., right under Princeton's nose. The former is in the Medical School, and the latter in the engineering department.

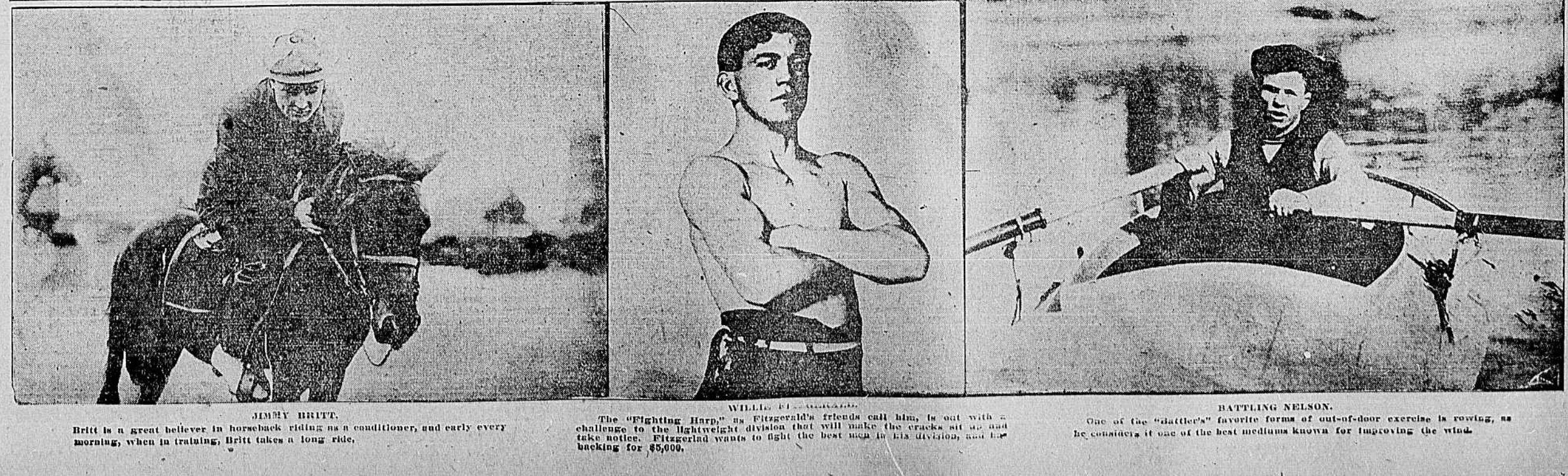
Of the pitchers, the old reliable Susong, who, as the Philadelphia Sporting Life puts it, "none better occupies the box for any college in the country," has not yet reported, but will be out as soon as he can arrange his work. Fulton, the Kentucky boy, who was the other slasher artist of last year's varsity, is out, and can be depended upon to hold up his end. Douglas, Perkins and Alken, of last year's squad, are also out.

Great things are expected of Douglas, who is a cousin of Dr. J. B. Pollard, the team's coach. Of the new twirlers perhaps the most promising are Morrison, the McCallie (Tenn.) southpaw, and the right-hander, Witmer, the Pennsylvania freshman of last year. Both are showing excellent form, and with a little more control will make a great addition to the pitching staff.

For the initial bag, those showing up best thus far are Jarrett and Bookner of last year's squad. Of the new men, Reid, of Davidson, is perhaps as finished a first-baseman as there is playing ball in the colleges. He is also a clean, hard-hitter. Owing to some controversy, it is not yet fully decided whether or not he is eligible for the team. Men, the first-sacker on last spring's Richmond College team, and Bowman, of Roanoke College, with the reputation of being the best hitter that ever represented Roanoke, are also trying for first. Virginia will unquestionably be very strong in this position.

There are not as many infielders trying for the team as Director Lannigan would like to see, owing perhaps to the ability of the old men, but Mr. Lannigan is trying to impress upon the applicants the fact that no man whatever has his place on the team cinched. The man who is best able to deliver the goods, will be the man who will make the team. Williams, former captain of the Lake Stanford varsity nine, who tried for second with last year's squad, but who had to retire owing to illness, is again out, and judging from the amount of energy and ginger he is putting in at practice, he will be a formidable candidate for second or outfield. Hume, of Woodberry Forest, a candidate for outfield, also looks extremely good. Alf

## THREE LIGHTWEIGHT PUGS IN HARD TRAINING



JIMMY BRITT. Britt is a great believer in horseback riding as a conditioner, and early every morning, when in training, Britt takes a long ride.

WILLIE FITZGERALD. The "Fighting Harp" as Fitzgerald's friends call him, is out with a challenge to the lightweight division that will make this track act as a challenge to Fitzgerald wants to fight the best man in his division, and he backing for \$5,000.

BATTILING NELSON. One of the "batter's" favorite forms of out-of-door exercise is rowing, as he considers it one of the best medium known for improving the wind.